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SUBJECT: AMIN ATTEMPTS TO SALVAGE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC)

REF: NAIROBI 8240

1. ACCORDING KENYAN PRESS REPORTS OF JULY 5, PRESIDENT AMIN ON JULY 4 APPROACHED KENYAN FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI AT OAU SUMMIT IN LIBREVILLE CONCERNING FUTURE OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY. CALIMING THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE HAS AGREED TO A "SAVE-THE-EAC" MEETING, AMIN REPORTEDLY ASKED THAT KENYA ALLOW THE MEETING TO BE HELD IN NAIROBI. AMIN'S REQUEST FOLLOWS JULY 3 KAMPALA MEETING OF VICE PRESIDENTS ADRISI AND JUMBE OF UGANDA AND TANZANIA, RESPECTIVELY, AT WHICH THEY RECOMMENDED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES PROVIDE MONEY FOR THE GENERAL FUND SERVICES FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS (JULY-SEPTEMBER). AMIN'S APPEAL TO WAIYAKI COMES WITHIN ONE WEEK OF KENYA'S REFUSAL TO PUMP FURTHER FUNDS INTO EAC UNTIL TANZANIA

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REOPENS THEIR COMMON BORDER. AS REPORTED REFTEL, GOK HAS RECALLED ALL KENYANS WORKING AT EAC HEADQUARTERS IN ARUSHA.

2. PRIOR TO AMIN'S APPROACH TO WAIYAKI, EDITORIAL IN JULY 4 STANDARD NEWSPAPER ENTITLED "A STRANGE PAIR OF BEDFELLOWS" ARGUED THAT UGANDAN/TANZANIAN

ATTEMPTS TO SAVE EAC WERE AIMED AT ISOLATING KENYA.
CRITICIZING TANZANIA'S "HOLLOW SOCIALISTIC UTOPIA,"
THE STANDARD ASSERTED THAT "KENYA CAN AND WILL GO IT
ALONE."

3. COMMENT: WHETHER KENYA WILL SUPPORT AMIN'S LAST
MINUTE EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE TOTAL COLLAPSE OF THE EAC
REMAINS HIGHLY DOUBTFUL. WITHOUT KENYAN PARTICIPATION,
THE EAC'S FUTURE, EVEN WITH TANZANIAN-UGANDAN BACKING,
REMAINS MURKY AT BEST. ALTHOUGH BOTH TANZANIA AND
UGANDA HAVE BENEFITTED FROM COMMON SERVICES PROVIDED
BY THE COMMUNITY, PRESENT ATTEMPTS TO SALVAGE EAC APPAR
TO BE MAINLY FOR POLITICAL VISIBILITY RATHER THAN ECONOMIC
UTILITY.
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